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## Forever young

In the Feb. 4, 2005 issue, readers were introduced to a new page in the fourth section of the newspaper, "On Point."

The first edition featured a military and community-wide tribute to the Marines and Sailor of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines who were killed after the CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter they were in crashed in Iraq, Jan. 26, 2005. These Marines and Sailor participated and survived the fiercest fighting of the war during November 2004 and were on their way to provide security for the historic Iraqi elections when they were killed.

Throughout the year, more K-Bay Marines and Sailors would be killed in action while serving in operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In memory of these men, a photographic tribute looks back as Hawaii-based Marines and Sailors, families and friends bid their final farewell to those lost in the war against terrorism.

### Jan. 26 — 26 Marines and one Sailor assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, were killed in a helicopter crash in Iraq

1st Lt. Travis J. Fuller, 26, of Granville, Mass.  
1st Lt. Dustin M. Shumney, 30, of Solano, Calif.  
Staff Sgt. Brian D. Bland, 26, of Weston, Wyoming  
Sgt. Michael W. Finke Jr., 28, of Huron, Ohio  
Cpl. Timothy M. Gibson, 23, of Hillsborough, N.H.  
Cpl. Richard A. Gilbert Jr., 26, of Montgomery, Ohio  
Cpl. Kyle J. Grimes, 21, of Northampton, Pa.  
Cpl. Stephen P. Johnson, 24, of Covina, Calif.  
Cpl. Sean P. Kelly, 23, of Gloucester, N.J.  
Cpl. Timothy A. Knight, 22, Brooklyn, Ohio  
Cpl. James L. Moore, 24, of Douglas, Ore.  
Cpl. Nathaniel K. Moore, 22, of Champaign, Ill.  
Cpl. Nathan A. Schubert, 22, of Cherokee, Iowa  
Cpl. Matthew R. Smith, 24, of Salt Lake City, Utah  
Petty Officer 3rd Class John D. House, 28, of Ventura, Calif.  
Lance Cpl. Jonathan E. Etterling, 22, of Scioto, Ohio  
Lance Cpl. Brian C. Hooper, 21, of Craighead, Ariz.  
Lance Cpl. Saeed Jafarkhani-Torshizi Jr., 25, of Tarrant, Texas  
Lance Cpl. Allan Klein, 34, of Macomb, Mich.  
Lance Cpl. Fred L. Maciel, 20, of Spring, Texas  
Lance Cpl. Mourad Ragimov, 20, of San Diego, Calif.  
Lance Cpl. Rhonald Rairdan, 20, of Bexar, Texas  
Lance Cpl. Hector Ramos, 20, of Kane, Ill.  
Lance Cpl. Gael Saintvil, 24, Orange, Fla.  
Lance Cpl. Darrell J. Schumann, 25, of Hampton, Va.  
Lance Cpl. Joseph B. Spence, 24, of Santa Cruz, Calif.  
Lance Cpl. Michael L. Starr Jr., 21, of Baltimore, Md.

### Feb. 2

Lance Cpl. Sean P. Maher, 19, of Grays Lake, Ill., 1/3 KIA Iraq

### May 8

Cpl. Richard P. Schoener, 22, of Hayes, La., 3/3 KIA Afghanistan  
Lance Cpl. Nicholas C. Kirven, 21, of Richmond, Va.,  
3/3 KIA Afghanistan

### June 25

Lance Cpl. Kevin B. Joyce, 19, of Ganado, Ariz., 2/3 KIA Afghanistan

### Aug. 18

Lance Cpl. Phillip C. George, 22, of Houston, Texas,  
2/3 KIA Afghanistan

### Sept. 3

Lance Cpl. Ryan J. Nass, 21, of Franklin, Wis., 2/3 KIA Afghanistan

### Sept. 26

Lance Cpl. Steven A. Valdez, 20, of McRea, Ark, 2/3 KIA Afghanistan

### Nov. 1

Staff Sgt. Daniel Tsue, Hawaii native, KIA Iraq



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Dog tags containing the information of fallen Marines and Sailors are hung on an M-16A2 service rifle during the welcome home and reunion ceremony held for 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, May 12, 2005.



Sgt. Robert M. Storm

Above — Friends of fallen 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment Marine, Lance Cpl. Phillip C. George, honor him with a traditional open-boot ceremony. George died, Aug. 18, 2005, while serving in Afghanistan.

Right — Marines of Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, bow their heads in prayer during a memorial service, July 24, 2005, in honor of their fallen brothers Cpl. Richard P. Schoener and Lance Cpl. Nicholas P. Kirven who were killed during a firefight in Afghanistan, May 8, 2005.



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner